

In the Matter of the  
Implementation of an Energy  
Conservation Improvement  
Program for Northern States  
Power Electric Utility

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ORDER ACCEPTING NORTHERN  
STATES POWER COMPANY'S ELECTRIC  
UTILITY 1988 ANNUAL CIP FILING AND  
REQUIRING ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION

### PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On April 29, 1988, Northern States Power Company Electric Utility (NSP or the Company) filed its proposed Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) for 1988 under Minn. Rules, part 7840.0500. As a part of that filing, NSP certified that it had provided notice of the CIP filing to persons on the service list maintained pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Rules, part 7840.0800.

### STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

The issue before the Commission is whether the filing meets the filing requirements of Minn. Rules, part 7840.0500 and should be accepted as complete.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission has examined the filing and finds that it substantially complies with the filing requirements of Minn. Rules, part 7840.0500. However, in some cases additional information needs to be provided to allow a full and complete review of NSP's proposed program. Areas of deficiency are discussed below.



## Minneapolis Small Business Project

An estimate of the expected cost effectiveness of this project is required in accordance with Minn. Rules 7840.0500 B. The expected effect of this project on the peak and average consumption needs to be provided in accordance with Minn. Rules 7840.0500 G.

## Minn Rules 7840 0500 J. Evaluation Plan

Additional information concerning the evaluation plans for the Chiller Efficiency Project, Motor Efficiency Project, Cool Storage Project and Rooftop Air Conditioner Project needs to be provided. The evaluation plans must show how the projects will be evaluated, what information will be used in the evaluation and how that information will be used to determine whether the projects were successful.

## Approved Budget Amounts

The approved budget amount for the 1987-1988 CIP year is \$5,560,565 as stated in the Commission's January 27, 1988 Order Approving NSP's CIP And Requiring New Projects and Informational filings. NSP's 1988 budget of \$7,816,000 shown on Table IV-2 appears to be in conflict with the approved budget. If NSP proposes to change its 1987-1988 CIP budget, it must submit such a proposal pursuant to Minn. Rule 7840.1300.

## Comment Period

The Commission finds that the filing's deficiencies are not serious enough to require its rejection. Further, the filing is sufficiently complete to allow parties to make initial comments on it in its present form. Therefore, the 30-day comment period provided under Minn. Rules, part 7840.0900, will not be extended.

## Effect of this Order

By requiring the additional information described above, the Commission is making no judgement regarding the merit of NSP's proposed program or any individual project. Should the program be approved, the supplementary filing will have reduced the need to require post-approval compliance information from the Company.

## ORDER

1. The May 2, 1988 Conservation Improvement Program filing of Northern States Power Company Electric Utility is hereby accepted.
2. NSP shall file with the Commission on or before June 6, 1988, the information needed to fully comply with Minn. Rules, part 7840.0500 in the areas detailed herein.
3. NSP shall provide notice of the supplementary June 6, 1988 filing to interested persons, pursuant to Minn. Rules, part 7840.0800. Interested persons will have until June 16, 1988 to file comments on the supplementary filing.
4. The 30-day comment and alternative project proposal period prescribed by Minn. Rules, part 7840.0900 will end on June 1, 1988.
5. The 15-day period for written responses on the comments and alternative projects prescribed by Minn. Rules, part 7840.0900 will end on June 16, 1988.
6. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen  
Executive Secretary

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